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## DIPLOMATS PLENIPOTENTIARY

Germany's representatives at Versailles must be plenipotentiaries if she wants peace. A plenipotentiary is supposed to have authority to represent the government absolutely. As a matter of fact representatives in these days never have such authority. Our diplomatic representatives abroad are known as "ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary." When monarchs were absolute they could send ambassadors clothed with full power to act, but our ambassadors have no plenipotentiary authority in its strict meaning. At the time of the Russian-Japanese peace conference held at Portsmouth, N. H., the saying was coined that a "plenipotentiary is a representative who has full power to act as he is told."

Foreign ministers are not responsible as are other ministers. No other branch of service in the American Government is so in need of reform as diplomatic service, and other nations may be no better. Present-day diplomacy is shrouded in mystery as it was in mediaeval times.

Moreover, diplomatic affairs are still in the hands of the aristocracy. The foreign service of this and other countries is recruited chiefly from men of wealth and social position who have private fortunes on which to draw.

Now that international relations are of such great importance, it seems that some radical reforms in our diplomatic service would be entirely fitting at this time.

## ENGLISHMAN PRAISES AMERICA

Just what do foreigners think of America and Americans? America's active participation in world affairs during the recent years of war and months of peace-making has given this question a significance which it has not had before, and opinions of men of other nations who have really studied America and Americans are worth consideration.

Frank Dilnot, an English journalist who spoke here Thursday night, frankly likes Americans and their customs. They are different from the people at home, Dilnot admits in a book which he has just published, "The New America," but, on the whole, he likes them for their differences.

Dilnot's work is full of appreciation of America. He takes great pains to justify and explain certain American customs and manners which a less gentle and understanding critic would indict as crude and condemn as ignorant. His clemency covers a broad field, varying from Colonel House and Elihu Root to Billy Sunday, and from taxicabs to bathing suits. He admits only two subjects upon which Americans and Britons cannot meet upon common ground—bacon and baseball.

As business man, gentleman, politician, statesman and soldier, the American is unstintingly praised by the British writer, who, in the final chapters, pays special tribute to America at war, and to the American spirit which flamed up with President Wilson's speech to Congress asking for a declaration of war April 2, 1917.

## THE OPEN COLUMN

## The Columbia Cemetery.

Editor of the Missouriian: I was interested in reading your story on "Columbia Cemetery Reveals Its Secrets," appearing in your issue of May 7th. It appeared to me that the writer chose a very appropriate subject in the interest that it carried. Some two or three years ago on a visit to your fair city, I visited the Columbia cemetery and was impressed with the beauty and cleanliness of it. One little tablet of stone which was most impressive to me, I wish to call your attention to it as you did not refer to it. It was a little tablet marking the grave of a little infant only a few days old which died in 1893, now 116 years ago. Isn't that worthy of note? Truly wonderful.

JAMES LONG

St. Joseph, Mo., May 9.

## JOURNALISM WEEK

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Missouri's state university has among its distinctive features a department where students are trained for newspaper work, and it is justly noted for earnest activity and progress in this field of instruction. The exercises of Journalism Week at the university have been interesting and a proof of successful effort in one of the newest branches of collegiate training. Men with newspaper experience in Missouri have been foremost in establishing schools of journalism, which is another of the un-

anticipated happenings on the "frontier" side of the Mississippi. One of the speakers in the Journalism Week program asserted that the United States possesses the best newspapers in the world. It is a safe claim, with the evidence always at hand. And Missouri offers some of the best examples of a daily reflex of the world's news, as well as country weeklies that are excelled nowhere. A first-class daily covers all continents in every issue. The planet is its permanent assignment. Its electric waves of intelligence are no longer limited to wires. News can be flashed on the instant in sparks that make themselves understood thousands of miles away. What more may be developed is only surmise. But the spirit of American newspaper enterprise will be on the spot. To expect the unexpected, and be ready, is a part of the business.

Twenty years ago an illustrated daily newspaper was a curiosity. Now the camera fills much space, for the way was found to reproduce photographs at once on the lightning presses. Such veritable pictures, like the movies, are understood at a glance. But there must be editing as well as reporting. The world is reshaped by mind, and mind is governed by conscience if men are wise. If not wise, they learn in a school of experience made harder.

Journalism is an intimate part of human existence, and the universities are not forgetting it.

## Lewis W. Moore III Here.

Lewis W. Moore, secretary of the Missouri Press Association, underwent an operation Friday at Parker Memorial Hospital. Mr. Moore has been in Columbia attending Journalism Week. He became ill while attending the Made-In-St. Louis banquet Wednesday night. Mr. Moore is the owner of the Border Telephone at Hume, Mo.

## Examination Given to County Pupils.

A special examination was given Friday for seventy-four students of the seventh and eighth grades of the county schools by School Commissioner Northcutt. The test was given for students who had failed in some subjects last year.

## C. H. S. Club to Give Play.

The Current Events Club of the Columbia High School will give a one-act play tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the auditorium. Several seniors will talk about famous men.

## Y. W. C. A. Advisory Board to Meet.

The Advisory Board of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at Miss Eva Johnston's office, Room 217, Academic Hall, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

## Women Design Battleships.

LONDON, April 16 (by mail).—Two women have been admitted to the British Admiralty shipbuilding board.

## PICTURES HERE THIS WEEK

Columbia—Tonight and Tuesday, Dorothy Gish in her first Paramount Picture, "Battling Jane." Also a Fox-Sunshine Comedy: "Wild Woman and Tame Lewis." Matinee daily.

Hall—Friday and Saturday, William Farnum in "Les Miserables," the story of the life-history of Jean Valjean, Hugo's masterpiece. Also "Fatty" Arbuckle in his latest comedy, "The Sheriff." Matinee Saturday.

Broadway Odeon—Today, Fanny Ward in "The Narrow Path." Harold Lloyd Comedy, "Taking a Chance." Tomorrow, Monroe Salisbury in "That Devil, Bateese." Elko Comedy, "Gym Bells and Boneheads."

## SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. John Sykes entertained three tables at bridge Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Henry Grice of New Orleans, who is the guest of Mrs. Eugene A. Logan. The guests were Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Grice, Mrs. George T. Kline, Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. C. M. Pape, Mrs. Bella Kirkbride, Mrs. A. G. Spencer, Mrs. S. C. Hunt, Mrs. E. Sydney Stephens, Mrs. James Gordon, Mrs. H. I. Bragg, Mrs. H. J. Waters of Kansas City and Miss Margaret Rollins. The prize for the highest number of points, a set of ice tea glasses, was won by Mrs. Kline. Handkerchiefs were given as a compliment to the guest of honor. Miss Dorothy Logan assisted Mrs. Sykes.

Miss Gladys Wall and Miss Helen Redford returned yesterday from Kansas City where they spent the week-end with Miss Wall's parents.

Miss Emily Price gave a matinee dance Saturday afternoon at Read Hall in honor of the pupils in her dancing class and their parents. Seventy-five attended the party which closed the class work for this term. After the dance ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Adalyn Faris of Jefferson City, who has been visiting at the Pi Beta Phi house during Journalism Week, returned to her home this morning.

B. J. Hoard of Ardmore, Okla., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Sykes for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hickman gave a dinner yesterday for Mr. and Mrs. John Sykes and their guest, B. J. Hoard of Ardmore, Okla.

Miss Aurilla Brigham left this afternoon for Tulsa, Okla., where she will visit her mother, Mrs. George F. Brigham, before going to Glenview, Ill., and Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Curtis F. Burnam, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. Sydney Stephens, left Saturday for her home in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Reid White of Lexington, Va., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. G. Brown, at 815 Virginia avenue.

The following persons will take part in the reading of "Hobson's Choice" in the Faculty Room of the Library Building this evening: Professors J. E. Wrench, F. F. Stephens, A. H. R. Fairchild, H. M. Reese, A. H. Nolle, C. Wilson Smith and Vaughn Bryant, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Basil Gauntlett, Mrs. E. R. Clark, Mrs. P. A. Hogan and Miss Ruth Rollins.

Misses Lucretia Henry, Mildred Henderson and Dorothy Friedrichs spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Potts in Centralia.

Miss Cora Schuette returned to her home in St. Louis yesterday after attending the Journalism Week exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilhite of Excelsior Springs spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. Wilhite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wilhite on Rosemary lane.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Nifong entertained at dinner Saturday night at their home on Ashland gravel, Mrs. Louise Truckenmiller and Mr. and Mrs. John Sykes.

Walter T. Brown, who has been visiting friends here for a week, left

Saturday for Denison, Texas, to visit his brother, Albert Brown.

The Tuesday Club will hold its last meeting of the year at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium. Election of officers for the next term will be held. All the members are urged to be present.

The Kate Thompson Circle of the King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Guy L. Noyes at her home, 311 Hitt street, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jacks of Montgomery City, who have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacks attending Journalism Week, left Saturday for their home.

Mrs. H. O. Severance, Esther and Phillip Severance leave tomorrow afternoon for Washington, D. C., to spend the summer with Mr. Severance, who is in the Library War Service of the Library of Congress.

Mrs. Estill Green, who was a guest for the week-end of her sister, Miss Mary Gladden Grant, at the Pi Beta Phi house returned to her home in Fulton yesterday. Mrs. Green was formerly a student in the University.

Mrs. Solomon Stoddard of Kansas City will arrive tomorrow to be the guest of Mrs. Harry S. Jacks. Mrs. Jacks will give a tea Wednesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Stoddard.

The Rev. T. W. Young left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the convention of the Southern Baptists which will convene next Wednesday morning.

Mrs. T. J. Strong of Maysville is the guest of her daughter, Gladys, at Stephens College.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Plattner of Malta Bend are the guests of their daughter, Flossie, at Stephens College.

The G. T. S. entertained with a tea at 909 University last evening. The guests were Albert Newman, Jr., Herbert Schiele and Harold Lustig.

Miss Jessie Shearer left today for Moberly to visit relatives. She will go from there to Hannibal to visit friends.

The regular meeting of the U.D.C. will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. O. Hancock, 1117 University avenue.

The pupils of Miss Esther May Ross gave a piano recital at Christian College Saturday afternoon. Those who took part in the program were: Misses Virginia Lee, Anne Sue Kennedy, Isabelle Brown, Ruth Byrd, Ora Lee Johnston, Nell Henninger, Allene Potts, Ruth Meyers, Dorothy Nell Childers, Vera Ballenger, Gladys Taylor, Beth Estes, Mary McCannon, Mabel Ballenger, Gladys Brand, Modelle White and John Dean Underhill, William Jennings Bryan and Kenneth Rogers.

## Elected Officers For Life.

The Association of Past Presidents of the Missouri Press Association re-elected its officers of last year for life. They are: President, E. W. Stephens of Columbia, secretary, John W. Jacks of Montgomery City; treasurer, Phil Ganz of Macon.

Special Scout meeting at C. B. Miller's Hall, Tuesday, 7 p. m.

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